(a) whether they have increased the salary of the Registrar of the Chief Court; if so, by what amount;

(b) what were the reasons that induced the Government to increase the salary of the Registrar of the Chief Court;

(c) whether representation in the Legislative Council regarding the desirability of increasing the salary of the Registrar of the Chief Court had any weight with the Government in granting this increase?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—(a) Yes. From Rs. 150-10-250 to Rs. 150-15-300.

(b) The reasons were more or less the same as those referred to in the discussions in the Council, dated 4th August 1926 on the matter.

(c) Even before the representation in the Council was made the Government came to a decision that the pay should be Rs. 150-15-300.

**Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—With reference to answer to subdivision (e), may I know, when the Government came to the decision to raise the salary of the Registrar of the Chief Court to Rs. 150—300?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—I want notice.

**Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Drawing the Member's attention to Appendix VI, it is seen that the order was issued on 17th August 1926. May I know whether the Government came to a decision on 17th August 1926?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—The order was issued on the 17th of August 1926.

**Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Did the Government come to a decision before that?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—It is put there as the 17th of August.

**Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Is it on paper or in mind?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—It is on paper.

**292. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the Diwan's Proceedings recommending or granting the increase of pay of the Registrar of the Chief Court?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—(*Vide Appendix VI.*)

**The increase of salary to the Government Advocate, etc.**

**293. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether, and, if so, what action has been taken by the Government on the representations in the budget session in 1101 on the necessity of increasing the salary of the Government

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Advocate, the Registrar and the Manager of the Chief Court and the Prosecuting Inspector?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—No action in the matter of increasing the pay of the Government Advocate, the Manager of the Chief Court and the Prosecuting Inspector has yet been taken. As regards the salary of the Registrar, vide answer to question No. 292.

## The extension of service to certain officers.

294. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have extended the terms of service of Dr. V. Verghese, (ii) Mr. C. Matthai, (iii) Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib;

(b) whether the Government have taken any steps to inform the public that the terms of the officers mentioned in (a) have been extended?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—(a) Yes.

(b) No. It was not deemed necessary, as these officers were allowed to continue in service without any change.

**Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Since the ages of these persons are given in *the Civil List*, would not the people be justified in thinking that they would retire on the completion of their 55th year as per *the Service Regulations*? (*Hear, hear.*)

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—May be.

**Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Then, is it not the duty of the Government to inform the people as to their continuance in the service?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—Their continuance in service is enough to inform the public.

**Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Going to office after that period is the symptom of continuance.

## Misappropriation in the Tramway.

295. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Government or His Highness the Maharaja have received petitions in 1101 or 1102 complaining of misappropriation of Government funds by Government employees in the Tramway;

(b) what action the Government have taken on these petitions?

**Mr. K. Govinda Menon.**—(a) Yes.

(b) Enquiries were made, and the allegations in five of them were found to be not true. Action in regard to the sixth is not yet complete.

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